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DHS Releases National Preparedness Goal

The Department of Homeland Security announced the release of the country's first-ever National Preparedness Goal. The goal is the first deliverable required under Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness, which was released in April 2011.

The goal sets the vision for nationwide preparedness and identifies the core capabilities and targets necessary to achieve preparedness across five mission areas laid out under PPD 8: prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery.

"As we work to build a more prepared nation, we must work with the entire community—the public and

private sectors, faith-based and non-profit organizations, and most importantly the public," said FEMA Administrator **Craig Fugate**. "This goal recognizes that reality, and we will continue to work with all our stakeholders to implement PPD 8 and build a more prepared and resilient nation."

Fugate announced the release of the goal at the annual National Emergency Managers Association Conference in Austin, Texas. The full goal can be found online at www.fema.gov/ppd8.

PPD 8 called for the development and maintenance of a National Preparedness Goal to define the core

capabilities necessary to prepare for the specific types of incidents posing the greatest risk of security to the nation. This goal builds extensively on prior work of various stakeholder groups from around the nation, draws upon lessons learned from large-scale and catastrophic events, and represents input from all stakeholders.

As directed by PPD 8, this goal will be reviewed regularly to ensure consistency with applicable policies, evolving conditions and the National Incident Management System.

For more information about PPD 8 and its implementation, visit www.fema.gov/ppd8.



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Norb Ryan, coordinator for the American Disabilities Act in Kentucky, speaks at the Appalachian Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Conference at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. The Oct. 14-15 conference, which attracted more than 100 people, focused on including disability communities in emergency planning. The event was sponsored by Kentucky Self Advocates for Freedom, Commonwealth Council on Development Disabilities, and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.



Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer presented an Honorary Trooper Certificate to former U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Dakota Meyer, a Medal of Honor recipient from Greensburg, Ky., on Oct. 31. Meyer recently received the medal, which is the highest military decoration awarded by the U.S. government, for his courageous actions during combat in Afghanistan.

KSP Collects 804 Pounds of Prescription Drugs During "Take Back" Day

Kentucky State Police reported that the third National "Take Back" Initiative netted 804 pounds of prescription drugs from those who wished to discard unwanted medications.

Each of the sixteen KSP Post locations collected the drugs on Oct. 29.

The program, organized by the Drug Enforcement Administration, is intended to give people a safe and convenient way to part with unneeded medications.

KSP has participated in the two

previous "Take Back" days collecting more than 700 pounds of prescription medication.

During the last two initiatives the DEA Office of Diversion Control in Detroit reported that Kentucky col-



lected 7,778 pounds of prescription medications statewide from all collection sites.

KSP Commissioner, **Rodney Brewer** was pleased with the citizen turn out at post locations across the state. He said the event is an opportunity to clean out medicine cabinets and safely discard of prescription drugs.

"In many cases, prescription drugs remain in home medicine cabinets long after therapy has been completed, thus making these drugs easily accessible to others who would misuse or abuse them," Brewer said.

Citizens who wish to report tips or suspicious drug activity can call KSP's confidential toll-free hotline at 1-800-367-3847.

Ky-HISEEP Exercise Held at Commonwealth Stadium

The Kentucky Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program conducted a discussion-based, table-top exercise in August centering on a simulated terrorist attack on the University of Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

Emphasis was placed on response coordination; critical decision-making; the integration of university, local, state and federal resources during the response; and potential consequences of an incident requiring evacuation.



Kentucky Personnel Cabinet

Kentucky Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day, flanked by state Personnel Secretary Tim Longmeyer and First Lady Jane Beshear, was presented the Courage Award at the 2011 Governor's Ambassador Awards program. The honor was given to Day on behalf of all the volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth.

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National Emergency Alert Test Set for Nov. 9

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m., EST and may last up to three and a half minutes.

The EAS is a national alert and

warning system established to enable the president of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the

nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.



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Gene Kiser, acting executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, addressed the state meeting of Kentucky Crime Stoppers on Oct. 28 in Frankfort. Kiser gave the group an overview of KOHS operations. The attendees were also given a tour of the office.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

- Nov. 7 — Midwest Gang Investigator's Association Intelligence and Information Sharing Meeting, Louisville
- Nov. 7-10 — Holiday Season Situational Awareness Seminars, Florence, Bowling Green, Lexington and Louisville
- Nov. 14-18 — Fundamentals of Cybercrime Investigation, Paducah
- Dec. 6 — Violent Encounters and Assaults on Police Officers, Louisville
- Dec. 12-14 — Kentucky Governor's Emergency Management Workshop, (Ryan Fisher, 1.502.607.5755, or Wayne Mullannix, 1.502.607.5743)



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HIN or contact Shelby Lawson, KOHS deputy executive director of operations, at Shelby.Lawson@ky.gov.

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FBI Releases 2010 Crime Statistics

According to the figures released by the FBI, the estimated number of violent crimes in 2010 declined for the fourth consecutive year. Property crimes also decreased, marking this the eighth straight year that the collective estimates for these offenses decreased.



The 2010 statistics show that the estimated volumes of violent and property crimes dropped 6 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively, when compared with the 2009 estimates. The violent-crime rate for the year was 403.6 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants (a 6.5 percent decline), and the property-crime rate was 2,941.9 offenses per 100,000 persons (a 3.3 percent decrease).

These and additional data are presented in the 2010 edition of the FBI's annual report *Crime in the United States*. This publication is a statistical compilation of offense and arrest data reported by law-enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program.

The UCR program collects information on crimes reported by law-enforcement agencies regarding the violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, as well as the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. (Although the FBI classifies arson as a property crime, it does not estimate arson data because of variations in the level of participation by the reporting agencies. Consequently, arson is not included in the property-crime estimate.) The program also collects arrest data for the offenses listed above, plus 20 additional offenses

that include all other crimes except traffic violations.

In 2010, there were 18,108 city, county, university and college, state, tribal, and federal agencies that participated in the UCR program. A summary of the statistics reported by these agencies, which are included in *Crime in the United States, 2010*, follows:

- Nationwide in 2010, there were an estimated 1,246,248 violent crimes.
- Each of the four violent crime offenses fell when compared with the 2009 estimates. Robbery had the largest drop at 10 percent, followed by forcible rape with a 5 percent decline, murder and non-negligent manslaughter with a 4.2 percent decrease, and aggravated assault with a 4.1 percent decline.
- Nationwide in 2010, there were an estimated 9,082,887 property crimes.
- Each of the property-crime offenses also fell in 2010 when compared with the 2009 estimates. The largest decline, 7.4 percent, was for motor-vehicle thefts. The estimated number of burglaries dropped 2 percent, and the estimated number of larceny-thefts declined

2.4 percent.

- Collectively, victims of property crimes (excluding arson) lost an estimated \$15.7 billion in 2010.
- The FBI estimated that in 2010, agencies nationwide made about 13.1 million arrests, excluding traffic violations.
- The 2010 arrest rate for violent crimes was 179.2 per 100,000 inhabitants; for property crime, the rate was 538.5 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By violent-crime offense, the arrest rate for murder and non-negligent manslaughter was 3.6; forcible rape, 6.5; robbery, 36.6; and aggravated assault, 132.6 arrests per 100,000 inhabitants.
- By property crime offense, the arrest rate for burglary was 94.3; larceny-theft, 417.5; and motor-vehicle theft, 23.1 per 100,000 inhabitants. The arrest rate for arson was 3.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- In 2010, there were 14,744 law-enforcement agencies that reported their staffing levels to the FBI. These agencies reported that as of Oct. 31, 2010, they collectively employed 705,009 sworn officers and 308,599 civilians, a rate of 3.5 employees for each 1,000 inhabitants.

Reminder for Land-Mobile Radio Systems to Narrowband

Land-mobile radio systems in Kentucky operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands are reminded they must stop using 25 kHz efficiency technology and narrowband to 12.5 kHz or less by Jan. 1, 2013.

"The Federal Communications Commission has mandated the change and plans to enforce the rule," said **Gene Kiser**, acting executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. "It will allow for greater access by public safety and non-public safety users."

Narrowbanding will allocate the creation of an additional channel capacity within the same radio spectrum and support more users, according to the FCC.

After the deadline, licensees operating at 12.5 kHz will be in violation of the FCC's rules and could be subject to enforcement action including admonishment, monetary fines, or loss of license.

Visit www.fcc.gov/narrowbanding for more information.

Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service



Firefighters from across the state gathered at Juniper Hills Park in Frankfort on Sept. 28 for the Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. Those who died in the line of duty during the past year included Charles "Sparky" Sparks, Columbia/Adair County Fire Department; Michael Webb, Neon FD; Worne Hall, Hitchens FD; Donald Lam Jr., Kentucky Division of Forestry; and Christopher Stock, Westport FD. Other firefighters who died in the line of duty and were remembered were Kenneth Combs, Harlan FD, who died in 1950; Gary Humphrey, Worthington FD, who died in 1975; and John Adams, Neon FD, who died in 1991.

Photos by Michael Embry/KOHS

Chemicals in "Bath Salts" Now Under Federal Control, Regulation

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has exercised its emergency scheduling authority to control three synthetic stimulants—Mephedrone, 3,4 methylenedioxypropylrovalerone and Methylone—used to make products marketed as "bath salts" and "plant food."

Except as authorized by law, this action makes possessing and selling these chemicals, or the products that contain them, illegal in the United States. This emergency action was necessary to prevent an imminent threat to the public safety.

"This action demonstrates our commitment to keeping our streets safe from these and other new and emerging drugs that have decimated families, ruined lives, and caused havoc in communities across the country," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "These chemicals pose a direct and significant threat, regardless of how they are marketed, and we will aggres-

sively pursue those who attempt their manufacture and sale."

The temporary scheduling action will remain in effect for at least one year while the DEA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services further study whether these chemicals should be permanently controlled.

The Final Order was published Oct. 21 in the *Federal Register* to alert the public to this action. These chemicals will be controlled for at least 12 months, with the possibility of a six-month extension.

They are designated as Schedule I substances, the most restrictive category under the Controlled Substances Act. Schedule I status is reserved for those substances with a



high potential for abuse, no currently accepted use for treatment in the United States and a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision.

Over the past several months, there has been a growing use of, and interest in, synthetic stimulants sold under the guise of bath salts or plant food, marketed under names such as "Ivory Wave", "Purple Wave", "Vanilla Sky" or "Bliss", these products are comprised of a class of chemicals perceived as mimics of cocaine, LSD, MDMA, and/or methamphetamine.

Users have reported impaired perception, reduced motor control, disorientation, extreme paranoia, and violent episodes. The long-term physical and psychological effects of use are unknown but potentially severe. These products have become increasingly popular, particularly among teens and young adults, and are sold at a variety of retail outlets, in head shops and over the Internet.

However, they have not been approved by the FDA for human consumption or for medical use, and there is no oversight of the manufacturing process.

In the last six months, DEA has received an increasing number of reports from poison-control centers, hospitals and law enforcement regarding products containing one or more of these chemicals.

Thirty-seven states have already taken action to control or ban these or other synthetic stimulants. The Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow the DEA Administrator to temporarily schedule an abused, harmful, non-medical substance in order to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety while the formal rule-making procedures described in the CSA are being conducted.



KOIS and Kentucky Fire Commission staff joined Irvine Fire Department personnel, Irvine City Commission members, Estill County Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor, family members and friends for the dedication of the W.T. "Tom" Williams Fire Headquarters on Oct. 20. Williams, a former mayor of Irvine, was instrumental in securing the funding for the new facility. Williams is in the center surrounded by fire staff.

Fire Simulation Exercise Tests Preparedness at UK



A fire simulation exercise was conducted at Baldwin Hall on the University of Kentucky's campus on Sept. 27. The exercise involved the Lexington Fire Department, UK Fire Marshal's Office, UK Police, UK Emergency Management, Housing, Residence Life, UK Chandler and Good Samaritan Hospitals, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, other pertinent units of the university, and resources from the Kentucky Fire Commission.

The exercise was part of an effort to test and assess the university's emergency response procedures in the event of a major incident on campus. The exercise simulated a major fire with injuries that required a multi-agency response.



FBI Releases 2011 National Gang Threat Assessment

According to the 2011 National Gang Threat Assessment released by the National Gang Intelligence Center, approximately 1.4 million gang members belonging to more than 33,000 gangs were criminally active in the United States as of April.

The assessment was developed through analysis of available federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and corrections agency information; 2010 NDIC National Drug Threat Survey data; and verified open source information.

"Gangs continue to expand, evolve, and become more violent. The FBI, along with its federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, strives to disrupt and prevent their criminal activities and seek justice for innocent victims of their crimes," said Assistant Director Kevin Perkins, FBI Criminal Investigative Division.

Other key findings are as follows:

- Gangs are responsible for an average of 48 percent of violent crime in most jurisdictions and up to 90 percent in several others, according to NGIC analysis.

- Gangs are increasingly engaging in non-traditional gang-related crime such as alien smuggling, human trafficking, and prostitution. Gangs are also engaging in white-collar crime such as counterfeiting, identity theft, and mortgage fraud.

- Gangs are becoming increasingly adaptable and sophisticated, employing new and advanced technology to facilitate criminal activity discreetly, enhance their criminal operations, and connect with other gang members, criminal organizations, and potential recruits nationwide and even worldwide.

View the report at www.fbi.gov.



Junnadel Bowling of KOHS and Bryant Stiles (center) of the KOHS Exercise and Evaluation Program, along with Jud Pomeroy of the Green River Area Development District, at the 12th annual Senior Day Out at Towne Square Mall in Owensboro. More than 1,000 senior citizens visited booths from various state and local agencies as well as private businesses.



State Fire Rescue Training Division Director Bryant Stiles addresses attendees at the Senior Day Out of Towne Square Mall about the need to prepare for emergencies. The Kentucky Fire Commission's Rescue Training trailer was on display in the parking lot along with area first responder vehicles.



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